

Memorandum

Date: March 13, 2015

To: Members, West Linn City Council

From: Chris Jordan, City Manager 

Subject: Miscellaneous Items

HB 2800

At its last work session, the City Council directed staff to draft a letter opposing HB 2800 which would have allowed cities to take over the governance of county service districts from the board of county commissioners. The letter was to be on the Council's March 23 agenda. However, we received a copy of the attached letter from State Representative Brent Barton indicating that he was withdrawing the bill. Therefore, this item will not appear on the March 23 agenda.

HB 3211

Attached is HB 3211 which, if approved, would acknowledge the Stafford area (areas 4A, 4B, 4C and 4D) as urban reserve. It is our understanding that a hearing may be scheduled soon on this bill or the few others affecting the urban reserve designation for the Stafford area.

Good Things Happen When You Hire Good People

Three of the City's top performers were recognized this week in a variety of ways:

- **Assistant City Manager Kirsten Wyatt** was in the spotlight in ICMA Matters -- the weekly electronic newsletter of the International City Manager Association. Attached is the article that discusses Kirsten's involvement with Emerging Local Government Leaders (an organization founded by Kirsten and her husband Kent, a Senior Management Analyst with Tigard) and the West Linn Leadership Academy.
- **Kirsten Wyatt** is also featured in the March 2015 edition of *Governing Magazine*. In the attached Publisher's Desk section, Publisher Mark Funkhouser discusses Kirsten's outrage at the incredibly low number of women city managers nationwide (stuck at 13% for the last 30 years). Mr. Funkhouser uses Kirsten's statements as a jumping off point for introducing *Governing Magazine's* Women in Government Leadership Program.
- **Chief Financial Officer Richard Seals** has led our Finance Department for the past seven years, and every year the City has received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association. This award (press release attached) is a reflection of the outstanding Comprehensive Financial Report (CAFR) for FY 2014. After all these years, we tend to take these awards for granted, but we need to make sure we pause and recognize how far we have come; let's not forget that this city was 3 years behind on audits just

10 years ago! (The 2004 audit wasn't completed until August 2007!) As we head toward the that time we face every two years with the preparation and review of the biennial budget, let's remember that we have the very finest CFO and finance department in local government.

- **Police Officer Jim Abeles** was named DUII Enforcement Officer-of-the-Year for the state of Oregon! The award is presented by the Oregon DUII Multi-Disciplinary Training Task Force and demonstrates Officer Abeles' -- and the entire West Linn Police Department's -- continuing commitment to keep West Linn roads safe.

Attachment

BRENT BARTON
STATE REPRESENTATIVE



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

March 11, 2015

Via Hand Delivery and Electronic Mail

Hon. Brian Clem, Chair
House Committee on Rural Communities, Land Use, and Water
900 Court Street, NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: House Bill 2800

Dear Representative Clem,

I am writing to request that you table HB 2800 this session, as I am no longer pursuing this legislation.

As you know, I introduced HB 2800 at the request of Oregon City, which objects to the current governance structure of the Tri-City Service District. This dispute is the latest iteration in a long-simmering conflict between Clackamas County and Oregon City. Although some tension is common between counties and cities, particularly county seats, the tone of this dispute has grown increasingly acrimonious in recent years.

But Oregon City is not the only municipality that I represent. Last night the City Council in Gladstone, another member of the Tri-City Service District, voted to oppose HB 2800. Although my job requires me to fight on behalf of my constituents, I decline to pursue one of my city's policy objectives to the detriment of another. I therefore withdraw my support of this bill this session. Should Oregon City and Gladstone forge a consensus in the future, I remain prepared to fight for them.

If nothing else, HB 2800 provided a forum for Clackamas County and Oregon City to voice their perspectives. I urge these parties to continue this dialogue, and to the extent they require mediation, I am willing to serve.

I look forward to working with you on other matters, including the redevelopment of the Blue Heron site at Willamette Falls.

Sincerely,

Brent Barton
State Representative
District 40



Hon. Brian Clem

March 11, 2015

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cc: Hon. Tina Koteck, Speaker of the House (*via hand delivery*)
Hon. Dan Holladay, Mayor of Oregon City (*via e-mail*)
Hon. Dominick Jacobellis, Mayor of Gladstone (*via e-mail*)
Hon. John Ludlow, Chair, Clackamas County Board of Commissioners (*via e-mail*)
David Frasher, Oregon City Manager (*via e-mail*)
Peter Boyce, Gladstone City Administrator (*via e-mail*)
Donald Krupp, Clackamas County Administrator (*via e-mail*)

House Bill 3211

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON RURAL COMMUNITIES, LAND USE, AND WATER

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Validates urban reserves adopted by Metro and Clackamas County.
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to post-acknowledgment changes to regional framework plan in Metro; and declaring an emergency.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. For purposes of land use planning in Oregon, the Legislative Assembly designates as acknowledged urban reserve the land in Clackamas County that was designated urban reserve in Metro Resolution No. 10-1238A adopted on June 3, 2010, more particularly described as the real property in Areas 4A, 4B, 4C and 4D on Metro's map denominated as "2040 Growth Concept Exhibit A to Ordinance 10-1238A."

SECTION 2. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect on its passage.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

Our Missing Leaders

It's hardly news that women are underrepresented in government, but the statistics are eye-openers nonetheless. According to the Center for American Women and Politics, women constitute less than a fifth of members of Congress and less than a quarter of those holding statewide elected offices or seats in state legislatures. While the number of women in Congress has crept slowly upward since the 1990s, their representation in state governments has been essentially flat.

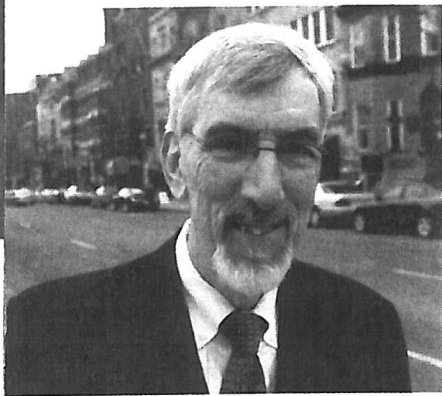
The situation in the top professional ranks of local government is worse. In a recent article in the International City/County Management Association's *PM* magazine, Heidi Voorhees and Rachel Lange-Skaggs report that women make up only 13 percent of local government chief administrative officers—the same percentage as in 1981.

So what's to be done? Kirsten Wyatt, an assistant city manager in West Linn, Ore., and co-founder of Emerging Local Government

Leaders (ELGL), appreciates Voorhees' and Lange-Skaggs' research but finds their recommendations—such as advising women to “navigate the assertiveness dilemma” and “develop informal networking groups”—too bland. In an ELGL blog post, Wyatt described reading the recommendations over and over “and each time I read them, I could feel my blood pressure building and my frustration growing. I want outrage from the top leadership in ICMA, NLC, U.S. Conference of Mayors, NaCO.”

She has a point, and the issue is more than one of equity and appearances. Having more women as top administrators and elected officials is a clear path to better government. Research shows that women tend to be more responsive to constituents and therefore more able to bridge the disconnect between people and their governments. And it's important to remember that success in the public sector, when it occurs, is a team effort. Teams with more women on them are smarter, studies tell us.

In these contexts, our Women in Government Leadership Program couldn't be more timely and relevant. As described in a special section in this issue, this new Governing Institute project is working to create a bipartisan national network of women thought leaders in elected and appointed positions. The profiles of the 24 inaugural class members are inspiring, and we pledge to work with them to increase the numbers of women running for office, seeking high-level appointments and serving as top managers. If our work can help ease the frustrations of people like Kirsten Wyatt, we'll have accomplished something important.



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NEWS RELEASE

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(Chicago)--The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to **City of West Linn** by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

An Award of Financial Reporting Achievement has been awarded to the individual(s), department or agency designated by the government as primarily responsible for preparing the award-winning CAFR. This has been presented to:

Finance Department, City of West Linn

The CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR.

The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving approximately 17,500 government finance professionals with offices in Chicago, IL, and Washington, D.C.

ARTICLE

Member Spotlight: Kirsten Wyatt

February 18, 2015

The adventure of [Kirsten Wyatt](#), assistant city manager, [West Linn, Oregon](#), crisscrosses the United States and boomerangs back to flourish at the final destination of the video game *The Oregon Trail*. As the dawn of a new millennium shined on the horizon, Kirsten packed her degree in politics from Willamette University and trekked eastward, arriving in Tarheel Country to study public administration at the University of North Carolina. An internship with the town of Chapel Hill provided her with practical experience in local government; and the MPA program assigned her an extraterritorial utility line project for Catawba County. During that project, the electricity flowed when she met project-mate Kent, a brown-haired Springsteen fan, whom she would later marry.



Upon graduation from UNC in 2004, Kirsten traveled north to the Commonwealth of Virginia and spent three years as a finance analyst with the Virginia Department of Education. She returned to Oregon in 2007 as a finance analyst for West Linn, was promoted to assistant to the city manager in 2008, and to her current position of assistant city manager in 2009.

West Linn, a 7-square mile community of 25,000 residents and 120 employees, sits at the confluence of the Willamette and Tualatin rivers, approximately 13 miles southeast of Portland. Ranked in the top 100 of CNN/Money Magazine's *Best Places to Live* in 2011, West Linn residents cite schools, parks, and safety as reasons why they chose the city as their home.

Kirsten has her hands full as the assistant manager. Along with routine duties, she has been developing a shared local government internship program across multiple Oregon municipalities and oversees the West Linn Leadership Academy. The West Linn Leadership Academy brings a maximum of 20 West Linn residents together over the course of six sessions to teach them about how West Linn operates and to strengthen their leadership and relationship-building skills. The [2014 West Linn Leadership Academy](#) focused on the Arch Bridge Master Planning project, and

expanded to include a Youth Leadership Academy that also engaged 20 West Linn middle school students. The Leadership Academies fulfill one of Kirsten's goals of "finding new ways to engage the community on important topics, like long-range planning, financial management, and economic development."

Kirsten sees changing demographics of communities and workplaces as challenges for local government. She wants to find new ways to use civic technology to engage diverse communities and she embraces new ways of managing people and processes that reflect changing demographics in the workplace. Kirsten also wants to find funding methods to improve infrastructure and aging utilities.

An Eye on the Future

Recognizing the importance of the future of local government, Kirsten, along with Kent, a senior management analyst in Tigard, Oregon, co-founded [Emerging Local Government Leaders](#) (ELGL).

ELGL connects, communicates, and educates about local government topics. The organization's philosophy is that "there's no one pathway to leadership" and provides anyone with a passion for public service with stories, webinars, and other professional development opportunities. Kirsten describes ELGL's relationship with organizations like ICMA, GFOA, and state and local government management organizations as augmentative "and provides unique learning and networking opportunities to our members."

Most recently, Kirsten and ELGL are specifically addressing the [ICMA Task Force on Women in the Profession report](#). The report, which showed that the percentage of women in CAO roles has not increased since 1984, is the topic of a series of learning and sharing opportunities. Adopting the tag [#13Percent](#) from the report's findings, the ELGL effort encompasses members from across the country working together to raise this issue to prominence.

In addition, ELGL hosted a social networking event at the 100th ICMA Annual Conference in Charlotte with local craft beer, and expects to hold a similar event in Seattle (hint: 176 keys but 0 locks). Kirsten and Kent oversee ELGL, which has more than 800 members in 30 states.

High-Fives to Local Government Mentors

Kirsten pays it forward just as her mentors did when she embarked on her local government journey. She learned the ropes from Flo Miller and Cal Horton in Chapel Hill during her internship and also credits Tom Lundy (county manager, Catawba County, North Carolina); Eric Peterson (town manager, Hillsborough, North Carolina); Chris Jordan (city manager, West Linn); and Craig Prosser (retired city manager, Tigard, Oregon). In thanks, Kirsten said, "I am forever grateful to Tom, Eric, Flo, Cal, Chris and Craig for their support of my local government career, my involvement with ICMA, and for inspiring the formation of ELGL."

COMMENTS & RATINGS

Your rating: (optional)





Oregon DUI Multi-Disciplinary Training Task Force

859 NW Teak Loop, Albany, OR 97321

March 10, 2015

Officer James Abeles
West Linn Police Department
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West Linn, OR 97068

Subject: **DUI MULTI-DISCIPLINARY IMPAIRED DRIVING TRAINING CONFERENCE**

Congratulations! You have been selected to receive the 2014 DUI Enforcement Officer-of-the-Year award. The award will be presented at the DUI Multi-Disciplinary Impaired Driving Training Conference held at Seven Feathers Casino Resort in Canyonville, on April 23rd and 24th, 2015. The award ceremony will be held during lunch on Saturday, April 24th, 2015, between 12:00pm and 1:15pm.

As an award recipient your registration fees for the conference will be paid for by the DUI Multi-Disciplinary Training Task Force along with two nights lodging if needed. Registration includes lunch both days. We encourage you to invite a personal guest for the award luncheon; however, we can only accommodate an additional two meals under your name which does not include command staff from your agency.

To register for the conference or if you have any questions call me at (541) 979-2663. You can also send me an e-mail at robert.hayes@cityofalbany.net If you have already registered for the conference, any registration fees already paid will be reimbursed.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Hayes, Chair
DUI Multi-Disciplinary Training Task Force

cc: Chief Terry Timeus

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April 23rd and 24th, 2015
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